

twenty on this amendment, that I cannot speak for the other twenty. If the other twenty would allow me to speak for them, I presumably would work out something but I suggest we are just drafting, and on the floor here, it seems to me, an amendment which might well be reconsidered by all the sponsors together to get their combined interpretation of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Henderson.

DELEGATE HENDERSON: I understood the Chairman to say a few days ago, when we began to discuss this matter, that the Committee had left this, or was leaving this matter to Congress, and this was the reason he did not put such provision in here. Now there seems to be a change and now we are putting the provision in. Am I correct in that? Have you changed your views about it?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Delegate Henderson, to be perfectly frank, the Chairman of the Legislative Branch Committee was informed that if no provision were put in this constitution with respect to congressional redistricting, that there was a genuine possibility that the League of Women Voters would oppose this constitution in its entirety.

Since I did not seek to get that particular result, I felt it incumbent that I join with the group that had proposed it, and I now find myself in the lovable position of having to defend it throughout. I am here and I will stick with it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Chairman Gallagher, would you yield to a question or two?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee will please come to order. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

Delegates will please take your seats, the Committee will please come to order.

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen: Before the waters of the Chesapeake arise and inundate me completely, I should like permission of the Chair and of the Committee of the Whole to withdraw this amendment and to take it to the Committee on the Legislative

Branch with an opportunity to submit it later as LB-3.

THE CHAIRMAN: You do not need the consent of the Committee of the Whole. The amendment may be withdrawn by the sponsors. If you are speaking for the sponsors, you may withdraw the amendment.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I am, sir, for all of us whoever we may be.

THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment No. 23 is withdrawn.

Delegate Willoner: You were next on the Chair's list of persons to be called.

*(Laughter.)*

Thank you, sir. Do you still desire the floor?

DELEGATE WILLONER: Yes, sir. It is a question which may be answered easily or it may be answered in Committee: I wonder if there was any question or study made that redistricting can only be done by the state legislature. We are not the state legislature and I am wondering if that was a problem?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No, that is not a problem.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does Delegate Koss arise?

DELEGATE KOSS: With the permission of the Chair, I would like to make a correction or an amplification of a statement that was made previously.

THE CHAIRMAN: Proceed.

DELEGATE KOSS: I want the record to make it very clear that the League of Women Voters is not a single issue organization. I do not think there is any question in the minds of most people in the State that the League did take a very important part in congressional redistricting and petitioning in and various other things, so certainly it is very dear, but neither I nor any other person on the floor could say that the League would oppose the constitution if there was no mention of congressional redistricting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I am very delighted to have that in the record. Delegate Gallagher, do you have a redraft of Amendment No. 22, or do you desire that to be still passed for the moment?